

### **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Biased Fastening Device, the specification of which:

X is attached hereto; or

\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number  
or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

			Priority Claimed
			___ Yes ___ No
_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Filing Date)	
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

**PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**

<u>60/453,267</u> (Application Number)	<u>March 10, 2003</u> (Filing Date)
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

**U.S. OR PCT PARENT APPLICATION(S)**

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